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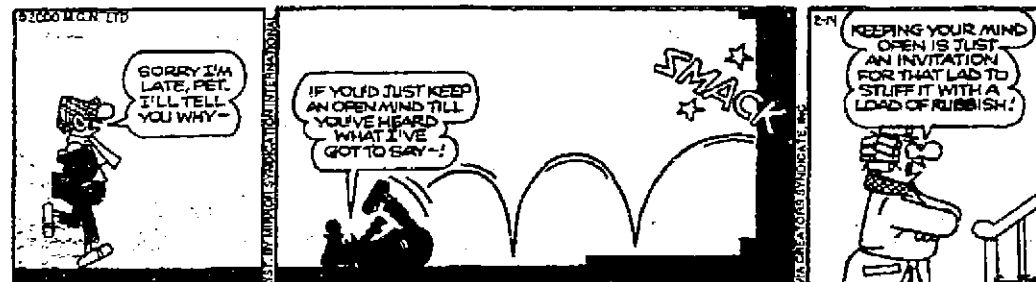
THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN



9 CHICKWEED LANE



ANDY CAPP



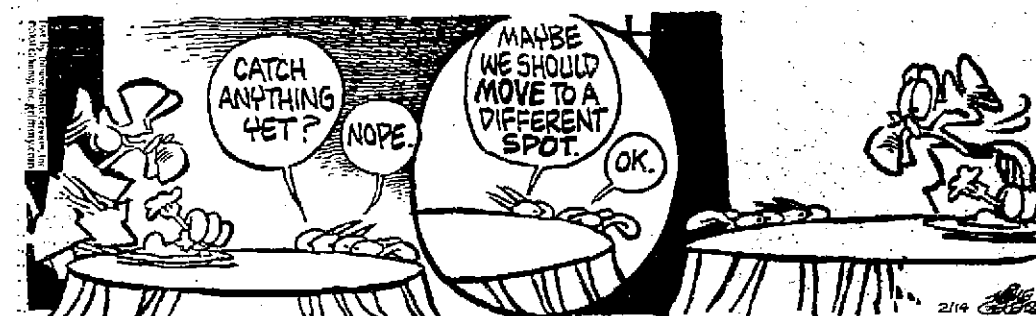
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HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM



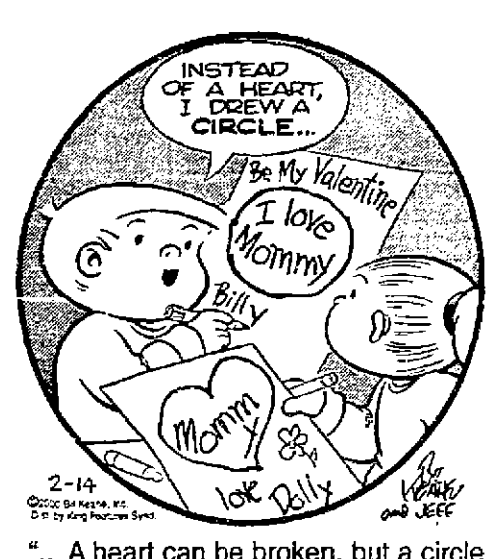
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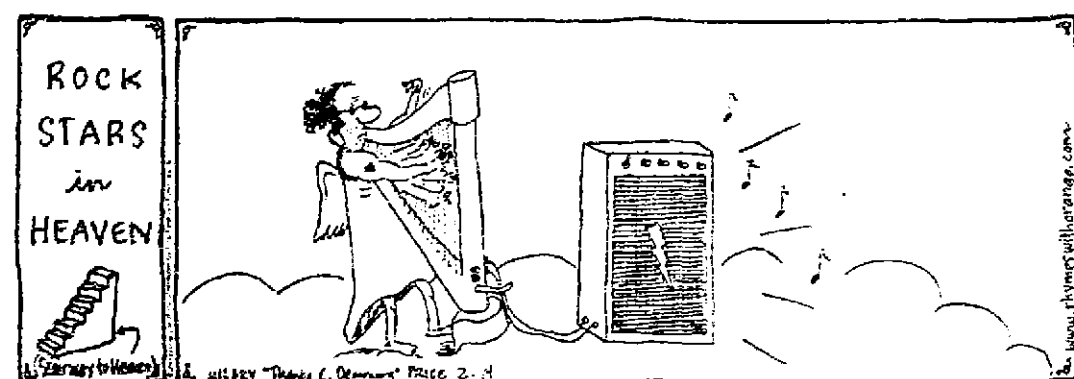
DENNIS THE MENACE



FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



Today's Birthdays

TV personality
Hugh Downs is 79.
Actress-singer
Florence
Henderson is 66.
Country singer
Razzy Bailey is 61.
Jazz musician
Maceo Parker is
57. Movie director
Alan Parker is 56.
Journalist Carl
Bernstein is 56.
Actor-dancer
Gregory Hines is
54. Sen. Judd
Gregg (R-N.H.) is
53. TV personality
Pat O'Brien is 52.
Magician Teller
(Penn and Teller) is
52.

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E	L	R	T	A	N	I	C	Double Word Score
A	O	U	N	B	D	S	RACK 2	
O	E	R	W	B	N	I	N	Triple Word Score
C	E	W	T	T	I	O	RACK 4	

PAR SCORE 140-150
by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL
TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in the Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merrow-Webster) and OCSW Official Scrabble Words (Chambers). JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW 2/14/00 © 2000 United Feature Syndicate, Inc.

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WORD SLEUTH

VALENTINES

P Z W T Q N K I D F C Z W U R
P M J H E E C Z I K X U S Q N
L J G E C Z T X P I V Y I T R
P S T E E W S U U S N D L L J
H E C H E R A Y C S W N O V S
T R P S E N I T N E L A V N D
L K S V M A I I G S R C E E R
C B O R G Z R M X W U U Y S A
R L P O U S E T A L O C O H C
M L J I H O S E S O R G U Y E
D B A Y X W Y T R A P U T S Q

Saturday's unlisted clue: DENVER
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
Monday's unlisted clue hint: WON'T YOU BE -
Candy Hearts Lovers Valentines
Cards Hug me Party You're cute
Chocolates I love you Roses Yours
Cupid Kisses Sweethearts

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HOROSCOPE

For Tuesday, Feb. 15

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Listen to your own voice, but do not ignore the input of others.
TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You may feel yourself rushing far ahead of your comfort zone.
GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Participate in as many brainstorming and networking sessions as possible.
CANCER (June 21 to July 22) It won't hurt others to have to shoulder the responsibility for a change.
LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Enjoy every minute of the social whirlwind that sweeps you up and carries you to unfamiliar, exciting territory.
VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) You'll need to strive your hardest to create success at this time.
LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) You've got a lot of catching up to do, both with others and with yourself.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Leave sly maneuvers and double-crossing for another time. Just take it simple and slow.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) You're impatient for certain new developments to begin.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Do your best to get straight to the heart of the matter. Other people will be impressed by your ability to sum up a situation.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Someone you met recently has quite an effect on you.
PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) If you feel the need to explain yourself, do so in the broadest terms.

ACES

By Bobby Wolff

South leads a low heart at trick two. West leads his diamond jack, dummy and East play the five and deuce and South wins his king. When South leads a low heart toward dummy's king, should West automatically play low? If he does, the defense is finished. Dummy's king wins, and South terminates play, claiming five clubs, three diamonds and the heart king. The winning defense is for West to hop up immediately with his heart ace and shift to a low spade. West can assume South has the club queen. Without it, might he not have first developed dummy's clubs? Further, West can deduce South's diamond holding. Had South held only the king of diamonds, would he not have played dummy's queen at trick one? Therefore, it appears that South can win the three top diamonds. Clearly, added to five club winners, the heart king will produce South's ninth winner. So it's time for decisive action at trick two. West should win his heart ace immediately and make a desperate spade switch. This bold action reaps a huge reward when East wins the king and returns the suit, giving the defenders five quick winners for one down.

NORTH ♠ 8 6 3
♥ K 7 2
♦ Q 3
♣ A K J 10 8

WEST ♠ A J 9 4
♥ A 6
♦ J 10 9 6 4
♣ 5 3

EAST ♠ K 7 3
♥ J 10 8 4 3
♦ 3 2
♣ 7 5 2

SOUTH ♠ Q 10 2
♥ Q 9 5
♦ A K 8 7
♣ Q 9 4

Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: North

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1♣	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: Diamond jack

N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

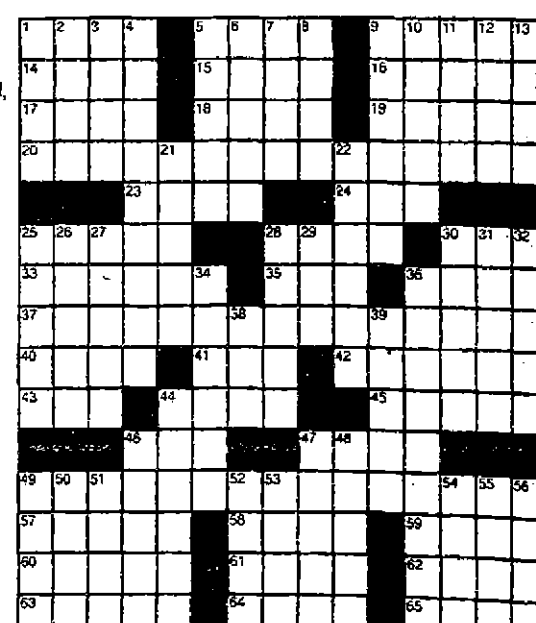
No. 0103

ACROSS
1 Spring event
5 Central American Indian
9 Land with half of Mount Everest
14 Measive
15 "Deutschland" "Alles"
16 Like Bo-Peep's herd
17 And others: Abbr.
18 Cushy fabric
19 Subjects of many New Year's resolutions
20 "Shhh..."
23 Singer-actor Kristofferson
24 Chapeau
25 Goddess of the hunt
28 Badly claw
30 Staff of Life, for short
33 "Little Women" author
36 I.R.S. employee: Abbr.
36 Get _____ the ground floor
37 "Shhh..."
40 Mideast's Gulf of _____
41 Notebook projection
42 Bug
43 Danson of "Cheers"
44 Judge's apparel
45 Perch
46 Fellows
47 Homeless child
49 Reply to 20- or 37-Across
57 Comment to the audience

DOWN
1 The Huxtable boy, on "The Cosby Show"
2 Certain Rwandan
3 Actor John of "Sands of Iwo Jima"
4 Famous
5 Civilian clothes
6 Aids in crime
7 "Gimme an A!" _____ e.g.
8 Commedia dell'
9 Words of refusal
10 Throw out in the street
11 Where a ship comes in
12 Poker starter
13 "we forget" _____
21 Steamed
22 "Stop talking!"
25 Sponge gently
26 _____ France
27 Did stage work
28 Alternative to yes or no

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

FLASHBACK GRUB
REPAIRMAN LEONE
IMPUDENCE ITALY
GOOD NIKE MSDOS
INS ITOLDYOUO
OYERS SLEEP SISI
ENT DER EDEN
FRANTIC PENDENT
RANT DAN SAT
OWNS AROW BODES
BOTTLECAPS ADA
NOURI SAKI PRIX
ANNIE SNEAKINTO
NECKS EDUCATION
ADEE SOPHISTRY



Puzzle by Hugh Davis

29 Long, long _____
30 Put an _____ (stop)
31 Some stadium features
32 Hägar the Horrible's dog
34 Wyoming range
36 To the degree that
38 Catch red-handed
39 Eagle's nest
44 Show remorse
46 Calif.-length skirts
47 Pie slice
48 Dolts
49 Brewery grain
50 Belgian river, a W.W. I battle line
51 Roman historian
52 Cain's brother
53 Go by horse
54 Wash
55 Kind of jacket
56 Bad impression?

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